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LR 391

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original Capitol issue. Well, I must say I support wholeheartedly this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Pedersen, do you wish to close on the resolution? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of LR 391. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of LR 391.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 391 is adopted. We turn now to legislative resolutions that are listed as Item number 7 on your agenda. We will have opening statements by each of the individuals sponsoring the resolution, and then we will vote on the entire block of resolutions as a whole. LR 385.

CLERK: LR 385 is offered by Senators Lindsay and Ashford, found on page 1541.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. This resolution was introduced at the request of a teacher in Omaha whose been, I think, originally from central Nebraska, of Czech descent. She made some real good points to me, and also Senator Ashford about how we have...that it's important that Nebraskans respect and learn about, at a minimum, their heritage, and that we have a very diverse cultural background. If you just look around this body you'll see people of all different ancestry. And it's important, I think, in our schools to recognize that, to learn about just where you came from and the rich tradition that we have. If anybody could learn where Kristensen came from, for example, we'd be ecstatic. But this resolution simply recognizes Nebraska Heritage Week and encourages the schools to sponsor activities during that week for recognizing, like I say, our cultural diversity. With that, I would yield the balance of the opening to Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President, members. I, too, rise in support of this resolution. I believe Senator Lindsay has stated it quite well. Nancy Kratky, a teacher in my district and an acquaintance of Senator Lindsay's, brought to us